



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation on Mokelumne River Cleanup in Conjunction with California's Coastal Cleanup Day, September 20, 2003

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2003

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A presentation will be made on the Mokelumne River Cleanup that will be held in conjunction with California's Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 20, 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In cooperation with the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County's Stormwater Education Coordinators, several students from Elkhorn School's 7th and 8th grade classes have requested that the City of Lodi host an official California Coastal Cleanup on the Mokelumne River on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Elkhorn's students have to satisfy a 7-hour per quarter community service project. This event will satisfy this requirement. San Joaquin County and Lodi Public Works will provide some bags and gloves.

Cleanups will be held throughout California along bays, creeks, lakes, rivers, highways and the coast. California's shorelines collect millions of pounds of debris throughout the year – debris that can endanger marine animals and humans alike. The source of this problem is often garbage from upstream communities along the river. Volunteers will remove trash from the lake and river, keep a record of all debris found, then submit their findings to the Ocean Conservancy's international database, which is then used to identify the sources of debris and help devise solutions to the marine debris problem.

Proposed for the day is an 8:30 a.m. start time at the Lodi Lake Discovery Center. Work groups will be assigned to various "hot spots" along the lake and river. Cleanup and recordkeeping will extend until noon.

Local sponsors include California Waste Recovery Systems which is providing trash removal services, Starbucks Coffees (providing coffee, of course!), and Pat Fehling (a Lodi Lake docent and local business owner).

The Parks and Recreation Department and Lodi Lake Docents will also cooperate with boat support and leadership along the river.

Visit www.coastforyou.org for more information on the Coastal Cleanup statewide.

Members of the public who wish to participate should wear their work clothes and arrive at the Lodi Lake Park Discovery Center on Saturday, September 20, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

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SUBJECT: Presentation on Mokelumne River Cleanup in Conjunction with California's Coastal Cleanup Day, September 20, 2003

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, September 17, 2003. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the presentation agenda, near the beginning of the Council meeting.

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If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Kathy Grant, Watershed Education Coordinator, at 333-6740.



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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk